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April 23, 2021

Dear Chair DeFazio and Ranking Member Graves:

I am requesting funding for the Port of Walla Walla US 12 Phase 8 project in surface transportation reauthorization legislation.

The project sponsor for this project is the Port of Walla Walla and the project is located at 310 A Street Walla Walla, WA 99362.

The funding is designated for widen US 12 from two to four lanes from the Snake River (near Burbank) to Walla Walla. Phase 8, Wallula to Nine mile, will complete the project by creating approximately 10 miles of new four-lane divided highway between Packaging Corporation of America and Nine Mile Hill.

The project is an appropriate use of taxpayer dollars and is anticipated to benefit the region as Phase 8 of Hwy 12 is the most dangerous section of Hwy 12. Phase 8 completion will benefit the residents, businesses, and traveling public through improved safety, capacity, and mobility. In addition, the regional transportation system between the Tri-Cities and Walla Walla will better support the agriculture, the wine industry, and other freight traffic critical to Eastern Washington's economic vitality.

I certify that neither I nor my immediate family has any financial interest in this project.

Sincerely,



Cathy McMorris Rodgers
Member of Congress